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I BELIEVE

Harry Emerson Fosdick is responsible for this "depression" story. A colored church somewhere in the South after much deliberation decided to go ahead as usual with the holding of their annual strawberry festival. When the announcements came out, this information appeared on the card:

"Strawberry Festival,
Thursday night, May the 18th,
at 8 o'clock
In the rear of the church
- - -
P. S. Owing to the Depression,
we will this year serve prunes."

THE DEPRESSION

is unmaking a lot of us and remaking a lot more of us. The depression has brought forth its quota of "defeatists" who use present day circumstances to prove to everyone why a thing cannot be done. Likewise, they are using the depression to excuse their non-participation in the unusual number of opportunities we have today for rendering constructive service.

BUT THANK HEAVEN FOR THE

"Strawberry Festival depressionist" who will go forward even if he has to serve prunes. There is no question about it, we have all been chastised severely these past few years. For those who have learned to keep faith with themselves, who believe in and are working for the best things of life, who have built the structure of their lives on solid foundations, the depression has served only as a great testing process. In Founder terms, it has been a testing to see if indeed we can be "our own selves at our very best all the time."

IN SPITE OF THE DEPRESSION

this is one thing that old campers, graduates, leaders, and Founder friends everywhere CAN DO. They can center on one or two outstanding young people in their church or community and taking the bit in their teeth, can literally COMPEL church leaders, parents, young people's organizations, etc., to LISTEN while they drive home their story of leadership needs in the world today and the necessity of training Christian Leadership NOW.

AND SO WE HAVE FOLKS LIKE

Russell Handy. In Russ's last letter he writes, "I have three campers already lined up from Bryant and I have contacted EIGHT DANDY PROSPECTS FROM MY HOME TOWN AND I EXPECT TO LAND AT LEAST HALF OF THEM. Fighting - enthusiastic - hard working - planning - definite Russ Handy.....there he is.

I COULD PRAY MOST FERVENTLY

for a hundred Russ Handys as we face the 20th Anniversary of the founding of our Christian leadership training camps. Russ is mentioned only as an example of what can be done, and what indeed is being done every year by many of our old Founder leaders.

Founder reader! what is your Founder Fellowship service record for this year?

PLUNGE THROUGH!

Recently I sat next to a merchant prince who is to represent our country as Ambassador to a great foreign court. He said: "There have always been obstacles, always will be. Most people wait for somebody to plunge through but waiters never become winners."

May I dare you, my Founder readers, TO PLUNGE THROUGH? Can obstacles keep daring boys and girls from winning? A few become winners. It is to these few that I am hurling this dare.

Great men will inspire you and me if we will emulate them. Pick out some one man who is making history, or has made history. Will you dare to follow his daring plan? Will you marshal all the latent powers within you and dare to accomplish that one thing which you desire more than all others? Will you dare to plunge boldly through to achievement?

Share your dares and your progress with me, that I may better dare others to win.

Again daringly yours,

Wm. H. Danforth - "Minisino"

THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

of the founding of the camp-conferences of the Founders' Fellowship will be observed this summer at Merrowvista and Miniwanca. Committees have been appointed and are at work on promotion and program. Where in all the world is a better place to spend a week or two this summer than in one of the Founders' Camps?

YOU OLD GRADUATES AND LEADERS AND CAMPERS IN GENERAL

who will not be regularly registered in the 1933 camps, may plan to spend just as much time as you can spare either at Merrowvista or Miniwanca. Come for a day or two days, for a week or for two weeks. Husband and wife may come, or you may come singly. If a week-end is most convenient, fine - come for the week-end.

WE FEEL, HOWEVER,

that it will be best to concentrate our old-camper visitors in the two weeks period that will take in the last week of the first camp and the first week of the second camp.

This at Merrowvista would mean - July 3 to July 17

And at Miniwanca it would mean - August 14 to August 28

THOSE OF YOU WHO CAN COME

for the two full weeks of either camp, by all means do so, for then you would be getting the feel of the whole camp and at the same time you would be in camp over one of the special two weeks named above. If you come for a full camping period, you will be a part of the leadership staff of the particular camp that you attend.

SPECIAL FEATURES WILL BE PLANNED

to celebrate the Anniversary. These features will be staged for the most part in the special two weeks' period. During the day, old campers will be able to get in on the regular scheduled activities of camp life. Special meetings will be held from time to time for fellowship purposes, to swap experiences, to live again through old camp days and to dream ahead into the future - no instruction, you understand, just fellowship, and as it is wanted by the group.

IN THE EVENING

the night's doings will occasionally lend themselves to the 20th Anniversary celebration. And won't it be great to see some of the old bunch doing their stuff? The 20th Anniversary Hillside Service will undoubtedly be a high spot in the camps of the coming summer. But in addition to all the scheduled events, perhaps the best thing about the Anniversary celebration will be the fact that you will be BACK AGAIN ON THE HILLTOP - back to renew your strength - back to a

fresh start in your thinking and planning - back to the fellowship of your friends of the Jesus Way! That in itself would be worth while. So come on you old grads and old leaders and old campers, make this your Pilgrimage Year to the Founder Shrine at Merrowvista or Miniwanca.

A MESSAGE FROM DAD

Howdy, Founder-pals! Who'll be the first to be greeted on the opening days of the camps? Reader, will you? Worth manifests itself amid trying times, not when it is smooth sailing for everyone. Cut loose from everything that would hold you back and come on to make both Merrowvista and Miniwanca the best ever.

- Dad

MERROWVISTA CAMPERS, HOLD YOUR BREATH!

Here is an announcement that will bring a shout from everyone of you. This past week word was received from Mr. Alfred H. Avery, the vice-president of the American Youth Foundation and our New England trustee, that Mr. S. O. Huckins of Center Ossipee, had presented to the Foundation the remaining half of Lot #49, adjoining our camp property in New Hampshire,

AND THAT MR. AVERY

had purchased the adjoining Lot #48 and had presented this to the Foundation, which means that Camp Merrowvista in the Ossipee Mountains of New Hampshire now comprises a camping domain of FOUR HUNDRED ACRES. We now own Sentinel Mountain, and by the way, you old grads, what do you say to an expedition to the top of Sentinel Mountain as a 20th Anniversary stunt?

Mr. Avery writes that there is enough timber on the new property to furnish lumber enough to build all the cabins we will ever need at Merrowvista, and then some!

SPEAKING OF THE NEW CABINS

at Merrowvista, the concrete posts are in and Mr. Avery's last letter told of his negotiations for the purchase of the needed supplies, and John Murray, our caretaker, is probably right at this moment driving nails as fast as he can swing his hammer.....and John sure knows how to swing a hammer. Five of the cabin donors have all of their cash in hand. The other donors are at work and we will probably be able to announce the completion of their drive by the time the camps open.

WITH PLENTY OF WATER THIS YEAR

in Danhole, we can look forward to some wonderful swimming and water sports, which of course include the ancient and honorable art of sneaking up on bullfrogs

- looking 'em straight in the eye until they are hypnotized, mesmerized and paralyzed, and then gently but swiftly encircling them with your thumb and four fingers.....cave man style - "nature in the raw." And we have a feeling that there will be many bullfrogs at Danhole this summer, judging from the huge crop of young frogs on hand last summer.

HANK GOUDEY - OUR CHEF,

will be back with us again this summer, all set to give us those famous Merrowvista meals. Polly Shewell has his Chevy all greased up and rarin' to get started with his squad of four fellows that he is bringing to camp this year from his home town of good old York, Pennsylvania. Dave Green says, "Ahoy, Merrowvista campers, keep your weather eye peeled for the bunch from Delaware. We are coming two cars strong and look out for the third car." Dave Scott writes of two new boys that he hopes to have with him this year. Dot Burton will bring a partner with her. Baldy Adams writes, "I will register three or four new boys." Alice Blodgett writes, "One new girl." Abbie Howe reports "One new boy and one new girl." Alice Hale Baker writes "Six campers, and possibly eight." Capt. Adams speaks of her "Caravan" from New Jersey, and when Capt. says Caravan, she means caravan. Mt. Holly girls as usual have their reservations in and that holds, too, for Burlington. Al Gremse is sponsoring a bunch from Orange. Ethel Hartenstein from Springfield sends in her own registration with one for a pal, and writes for ten more registration cards. Dick Leonard writes, "I expect to have my usual delegation this year" and when Dick makes a report like that, bank on it that he will make good. Hank Fort's squad will be there with bells on.

MAN ALIVE, I HAVEN'T EVEN BEGUN

to tell the news about Merrowvista. The rest of you enthusiastic Founders who are hard at work, will pardon me for not mentioning all the names and the places that should be in the current news. But we'll be looking for you this summer and for your PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES at Merrowvista.

"A V E X"

There's a word to conjure with. Merrowvista Founders by this time know what it means. And if any of you don't know, get you busy quicker than fast and get in on this big deal. In a word, "Avex" is a marvelous washing powder compounded by our vice-president, Mr. Avery. He has formed a company to handle this product and our own "Kicica" - Herbert C. Mayer, is the president of the company. The profits, if indeed the word should be used, are all to be devoted to educational, charitable and benevolent purposes. Among the very first that are being given the opportunity to benefit by this wonderful proposition are the Merrowvista campers. Avex is packed ten packages to the carton. A package sells for twenty-five cents and a carton for $2.50. You can sell Avex to your friends and neighbors and as I understand it, $1.00 of every $2.50 sale is yours to be used in paying your training expenses at Camp Merrowvista. Write to Kicica at once for details. For fast workers and campers who believe in quick, powerful thrusts, it is not too late to get in on this for this summer's camps. A quick drive might

net you half or all your camp fee. Housewives must have washing powder. You prove to them that Avex is that powder and that it is better than any on the market and you make the sale. GO TO IT! Kicica's address is Herbert C. Mayer, 5 Ionia Street, Auburndale, Mass.

A MESSAGE FROM HORACE

Do you ever stop to think how different life would be for you if you had never attended a Founder Camp? If not, do so right now.....Then resolve to come back and help us celebrate the Camps' Twentieth Birthday this summer. If you can't possibly come, then how about an outstanding fellow or girl in your place?

- Horace

THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT MINIWANCA

and happening thick and fast. Twentieth Anniversary guests, visitors and all campers who come to Miniwanca this summer will see a number of new things that were not there last summer.

FOR INSTANCE,

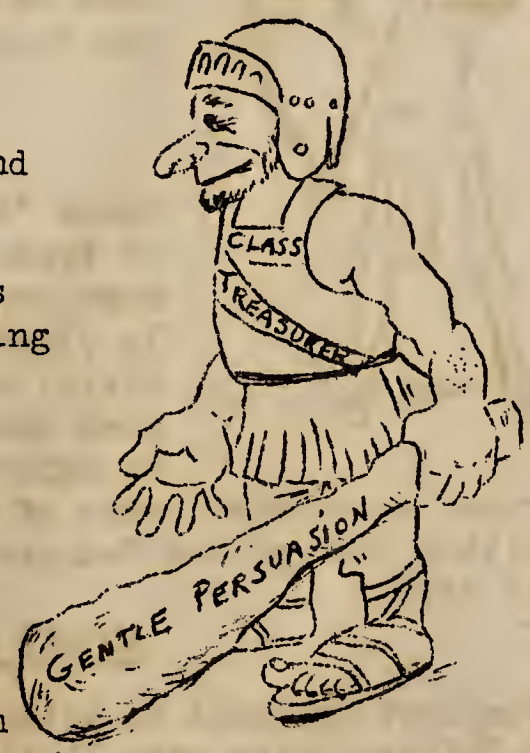
if everything goes well, when you arrive at Miniwanca this summer the big stone and concrete Council Circle will be completed. What a thrill it is going to be to have our 20th Anniversary Council Fires in the completed council bowl.

BUT HEAR YE - CLASS OFFICERS!

we just dare not spend one penny on the Council Circle that is not in the treasury. In other words, if we do not have enough Council Circle memorial funds paid in, we shall have to stop the work when we reach the limit of our funds. So, come on you classes involved in this memorial, make your final dash NOW.

THE NEXT INTERESTING SURPRISE

that awaits you at Miniwanca is the new lighting system that has been installed in the Assembly, Eating Lodge and Tipi-Wakan. A turn of the switch and zip there flashes forth eight hundred candlepower of light in which ever building we are assembled. This lighting system also is a class memorial and there are a number of classes working on their funds to complete the payment of the lighting outfit. Again, attention class officers! Check up on your members and see if you cannot finish this job by the time camp opens.



AND NOW COMES SURPRISE NO.3

and we will ask you all, if you please, to step over to the porch of the Tipi-Wakan where we can gaze down on

the first unit of the big cement "playground" at Miniwanca. "But" you say, "what in the world are all those people doing down there on the tennis court: they can't all be playing tennis....my word!" Right you are, my dear, they are not playing tennis. Those sixteen people are engaged in a big shuffle board tournament. You see, there are four shuffle board courts painted on the four cement sections of extra space outside the space alloted to the tennis court. These four cement sections are being laid in one piece without any joints in the cement, which means that we will have four dandy shuffle board courts, in addition to the big tennis court.

THE TENNIS COURT PROJECT

has been put through this year as an "advance" memorial project. It has been financed by a friend who will get his money back when the various classes and groups and individuals desiring to have a part in this project make their contributions toward the installation of this first unit of the new playground. So-o-o-, bring your tennis racket along to camp this year and although we have but one tennis court to start with, you sure ought to be able to get in a set or two before camp closes. Tennis balls will be on sale at the camp store.

THE YOUNGER BOYS' CAMP WILL BE BIGGER

this year than last. Already the reservations outnumber the total enrollment of last summer's camp. If you have any younger boy prospect whom you have been working on, better close in on your prospect and clinch a place for him....QUICK. Twelve states are now represented in the roster of the Younger Boys' Camp.

THE YOUNGER GIRLS' CAMP

also is popping. A special six weeks Pre-Senior camping period has been arranged for the older girls of this camp. This bunch of girls will hold forth in Susquehanna Bay and what a time they will have! Horace will be eternally grateful to Founder campers and leaders if they will do some intensive checking up on prospects these next few days. She wants your help in boosting the enrollment of the camp over that of last year. It's lots of fun talking to parents about the Younger Girls' Camp. Try it.

AND BY THE WAY,

these "Junior" camps are very much a part of the Founder system of training. It is doubtful if there can be found anywhere a more purposeful character building program and a more skillfully planned schedule of activities than are found in the Younger Girls' and Younger Boys' Camps. You need not hesitate to recommend these camps to your friends. They will more than come up to expectations. And the cost is way below that of the high priced commercial camps of the country. Your friends will be grateful to you for telling them of the Younger Boys' and Girls' Camps. Tell them. And now, we will all climb

ABOARD FOR THE WORLD'S FAIR IN CHICAGO

Everybody it seems is going to Chicago this summer, and Founder campers who go to Chicago, with very little additional cost can go right on to Miniwanca for two

great weeks of camping and training. You have exceptionally low rates this year on the railroads. See your local agent about this. If you can route yourself to camp by way of Chicago, it will probably save you money even if you would not plan to go to the Fair. So, if possible, take an extra day or two this summer when you start your camp trip, stop off at Chicago on the way up, or plan to see the Fair with some of the camp groups on your return to Chicago after the close of camp. It's a big show and with your trip to camp it will make just about the best vacation you have ever had. And now

WE HAVE SOME VERY GOOD NEWS

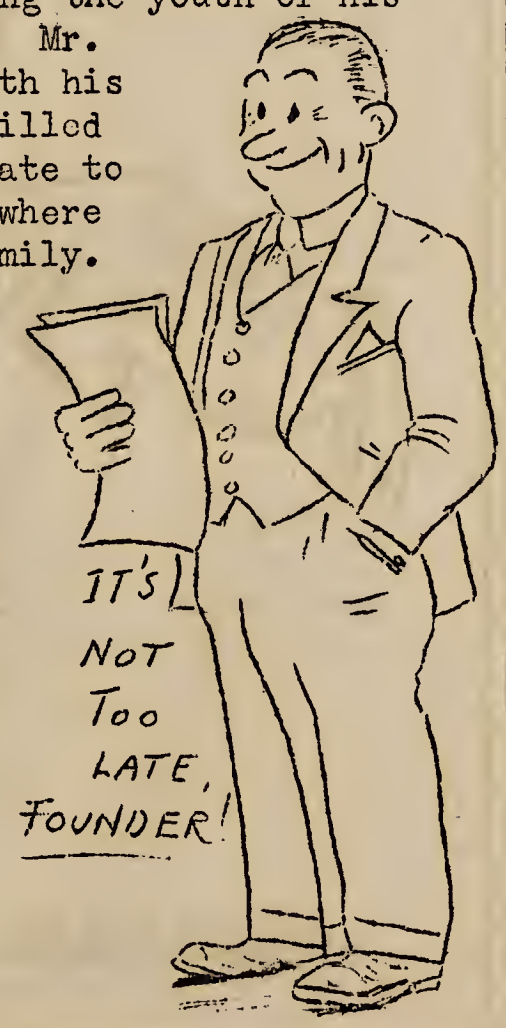
to announce to the members of the Founder Fellowship everywhere. At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Youth Foundation, Mr. S. F. Shattuck of Neenah, Wisconsin, was elected a trustee of the Foundation, and we are happy to say that Mr. Shattuck has accepted the invitation to serve as a member of the Board. Frank Shattuck has long been a friend of the American Youth Foundation group. From the inception of the camp-conferences twenty years ago, he has kept in close touch with the camps and with the individual members of the Foundation staff.

MR. SHATTUCK IS ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST OUTSTANDING

volunteer workers with boys. He was one of the first to take up the work of the Boys' Brigade movement which flourished in this country twenty-five or more years ago. The boys' organization that he started at that time is still a going and growing concern and is indeed the most active organization of its kind in America. The Boys' Brigade of Neenah has its own building, and its own summer camp. Thousands of Wisconsin boys have come under the influence of Frank Shattuck and his wonderful group of trained leaders. It is wholly impossible to estimate the vast amount of good that he has done through the years in training the youth of his community and his state to live purposeful Christian lives. Mr. Shattuck believes in the Foundation program and backs it with his money as well as his time. He is a wise counselor and a skilled worker with youth. The Founder Fellowship is indeed fortunate to have Mr. Shattuck as one of its trustees, and Founders everywhere will give him a hearty welcome into the official Founder family.

THE SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

for second year campers prior to 1930, has been taken up by ten Founders. Russell Handy of Indiana is the first to complete his work. Russ's papers have been forwarded to the various instructors and some of the marks have already been received. You'll hear the whole story, Russ, within the next week or two. But let me whisper this to you - the marks on the first two papers returned by the instructors are mighty, mighty fine. Looks as though you have rung the bell again, Russ. Congratulations!



Come on, the rest of you old two-year campers, get busy and join the 20th Anniversary graduating classes at Miniwanca and Merrowvista.

AND NOW A SPECIAL WORD ABOUT THE PRE-SENIOR CAMPS

Have you old campers and leaders clicked on this? Let me tell you about it again. During the period of August 7 - September 4, boys 15½-16 years of age will camp in the Younger Boys' unit, paralleling the session of the senior camps. This is a one month camping period for boys of this age who want more than the two weeks of the Older Boys' Camp. In fact, they can stretch this a bit if they wish and come to the Younger Boys' Camp on July 24, getting in two extra weeks at the close of the Younger Boys' Camp and then staying over for the four weeks of the Pre-Senior Camp. There is a wonderful set-up for boys of this age. Why not sit right down and check your list of friends of this age, and their parents and then call them on the phone or call to see them right away about the Younger Boys' Pre-Senior Camp?

THE YOUNGER GIRLS' PRE-SENIOR CAMP

will operate just a little differently. The six weeks period for this camp will begin on July 10 and end with the close of the Older Girls' Camp period on August 21. The cost for the six weeks period will be $135.00 which is on the basis of a ten per cent discount from the four weeks Younger Girls' Camp rate. Now how many of you fine Founders have girl friends or neighbors of this age and will talk to them about this camp? Remember, the World's Fair trip can be made a part of your presentation and it is certain that there are many 15½-16 year old girls that can be lined up for this camp if we will all do our part. Let's give Horace a big surprise by sending in a big flock of prospects for her Pre-Senior Camp.

RIGHT NOW.....

if you have not already done so.....

the biggest thing you can do for the

Founder Fellowship is to personally sign

up one older boy or girl camper for the

1933 CAMPS.

This year we need

YOUR help. Will you get your camper - this year?

AND NOW FOR THE IMPORTANT TRAVELING INFORMATION FOR YOUR TRIP TO CAMP

TRAVELING INSTRUCTIONS FOR MERROWVISTA CAMPERS

Boys' Camp opens officially with supper, Monday, June 26th.
Girls' " " " " " " July 10th.

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All campers and leaders are expected to be in camp at starting time.

If you are coming by way of Boston, plan your trip to arrive in Boston the Monday morning that camp begins, in time to take the Boston & Maine train from North Station at 8:00 (Eastern Standard Time) to Mountain View, N. H. (Be sure to have your local ticket agent verify this schedule for you.) Do not come a day early - we will not be able to accommodate you.

BUYING YOUR TICKET

Insist on Agent giving you a round trip Summer Tourist Ticket to Mountain View, N. H. Make application for ticket well in advance of going to camp, so that Agent can secure tariff data from head office of railroad in event of not having information in hand regarding Mountain View, N. H.

FOR THOSE TRAVELING BY RAIL OR BOAT

Some campers travel by boat from Philadelphia and other points to Boston - then rail to camp. You can purchase a Summer Tourist rail and boat ticket to Mountain View, N. H. Upon arrival in Boston, make connections with the above train schedule for Mountain View.

ARRIVING AT MOUNTAIN VIEW

Mountain View is a small village. You will be met at the station by one of the representatives of the camp. A contract has been made with a local hauling concern for conveying campers from Mountain View to camp. A very low rate of 50¢ for the trip has been named. A charge of 10¢ will be made for each parcel or suitcase that is hauled to and from camp.

VISITORS

Relatives of campers are invited to visit the camps. If space is available, we will gladly accommodate visitors over night (in a guest tent) and for meals. Nominal rates will be charged. If accommodations cannot be provided at Camp Merrowvista, reservations may be made at the Village Hotel, five miles from camp, or at Rolin Park, across Danhole Lake.

BE SURE TO SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

WHAT TO TAKE TO CAMP

Bathing suit (two if you have them)
Bathing cap and shoes
Pajamas
Slicker
Heavy sweater or jacket
Tennis shoes - low-heeled oxfords
Bathrobe
Socks or stockings
Needle, thread, pins, safety pins
Buttons, twine
Lotion or cold cream, mosquito dope
Nail file and scissors
Comic costume -(if you have one)
Musical instrument -(if you wish)

Kodak
Comb and brush
Handkerchiefs
Tooth brush and container
Tooth paste
Soap and container
Pocket Knife
Flashlight
Bible
Wrapping paper and twine if mailing bundles home.
Fountain pen and pencils
Old pair shoes to wear on hike back to swimming dock at Stony Lake

SPECIAL LIST FOR GIRLS

Ties, belt, shirts or middies
Wool knickers or shorts
At least one pair of white knickers
Practical underwear

SPECIAL LIST FOR BOYS

Extra pair of old trousers
Outing shirts

NOTE: It is well to mark your name or initials on all your clothes and equipment.

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WHAT TO MAIL TO CAMP TWO WEEKS BEFORE STARTING ON YOUR TRIP

3 warm blankets
Change of sheets - cot size
Change of pillow slips
Face towels - bath towels - wash cloths
Sweater or shoes that you may not want to carry

Use the enclosed mailing stickers and also write address on package.

Films, notebooks and paper, camp stationery, camp postcards and stamps are on sale at the camp store.

IMPORTANT - Campers who cannot swim must wear red bathing caps. Others wear other colored caps.

Do not have candy or food mailed to you at camp. You will have plenty to eat at meal time.

CAMP MAILING ADDRESSES

CAMP MINIWANCA	CAMP MERROWVISTA
c/o American Youth Foundation,	
Camp Miniwanca,	Camp Merrowvista,
Shelby, Michigan.	Center Ossipee, N. H.

Be sure to send mail in plenty of time to reach camp before your arrival.
Wrap packages carefully.